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in China it is the other way round: the acupuncture, the messes and messing of the medicine men, cannot work permanent harm to a race which in the mass is given to simple living and turned to hardship. There have been Chinese themselves who had some glimmering of true causes and effects, or else whence came the native saying that "medicine cures the man who is fated not to die"? China is, however, passing out of that phase which seems to have distinguished England a hundred and fifty years ago, when FIELDING described the surgeon as one wont to prognosticate that if "the malign concoction of his patient's humours should cause a suscussion of the fever, he might soon grow delirious, or delirious, as the vulgar express it." The English were by no means barbarians in those days, yet they relied trustfully then and for some time after upon those students of GALEN and HIPPOCRATES who discoursed so seeming learnedly of the "divulcification of that radical small minute invisible nerve which coheres to the pericranium". When we scan this prospectus of the local faculty we realise China's great good fortune in being enabled, as the saying goes, to begin where we leave off. At the professional examinations last August, the Chinese students answered such questions as: "What are the conditions that necessitate the performance of (a) laryngotomy (b) tracheotomy? Briefly describe these operations." "Describe the etiology and the morphological characters of the micro-organism producing cholera." It is not improbable that there are in Hongkong well-educated foreigners who would find themselves at a loss to answer, without stopping to think, such a question as was put to the Chinese class in pathology. It was: "What is a squamous-celled epithelium?" The cheapest of the text books recommended to these students is about the Reactions of Salts. In each subject, and these included biology, osteology, and nine or ten other abstrusities, every candidate is examined orally and practically. Although the few scholarships seem small, and the inducements by no means gaudy, apart from the unceasing glory that must surely attend each graduate, we notice that the present year has seen the addition of five licentiates to the roll of the college. In four or five years after the college was founded, the list began to grow, and we note that Hongkong is given as the place of residence of thirteen, while the rest are scattered abroad, in Japan, Penang, Penang, Selangor, Singapore, Manila and Shanghai. If these young men have really learned all that their examiners have given them credit for, and there is no reason to doubt it, their influence must have a tremendous leavening effect in time.

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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 18TH, 1905.

DOCTORS don't advertise, and the Hongkong College of Medicine for Chinese makes no flourish of trumpets; but the "Calendar" for 1906 just received reminds us once more that we have in our midst an organisation which is attacking the learned ignorance of China at a vital spot. There is a good deal of exaggeration, perhaps, in the common stories about Chinese medicines; and the prescriptions that include toads' eyebrows, rhinoceros horn, cockroach tea, and the like, are no doubt confined to the ubiquitous quack and the inventor of facette. The Chinese are given credit for having used anaesthetics long before the Western world had recognised their value; and in some of their simpler remedies, the Chinese doctors share the successes of the "herb doctors" of English country places. Except for their admitted ignorance of human physiology, the Chinese medicine men and their patients suffer most from the little knowledge which is dangerous, plus the much superstition that is more so. If we were to argue from the standpoint that the proof of the pudding is in the eating of it, we might be justified in saying that, so far as wholesale results are concerned, the general condition of the race that is, the foreign doctors have little to brag about. But the stamina of the average Chinese, like the much-prated-of decadence of the European, is in spite of, not because of medical practice. Greater knowledge in Europe has not overcome the tendency to self-indulgence, against which medical science pleads and fights in vain; while

We are asked to draw the attention of subscribers to the St. George's Ball to be requested in our advertising columns to-day by Mr. Wodehouse, Secretary to the Invitation Committee.

Information has been received from the Military Authorities that the gun practices ordered to take place on Tuesday and Wednesday next, 19th and 20th instant, are postponed to a date to be notified later.

At the Sanitary Institute on Monday night the usual arithmetic class will be held, starting at 8.30 p.m. On Tuesday night Mr. T. L. Perkins will commence lecturing at 9 p.m. on "Building Materials."

The Governor has given his assent in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King to the Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council, the Ordinance to Amend the General Loan and Inscribed Stock Ordinance, 1893.

Notice to mariners is given that on and after the 1st January, 1906, a new storm signal code, using symbols instead of flags, will come into operation at the storm signal stations of the Imperial Maritime Customs at the following places: Newchwang, Chinkiang, Pugoda Anchorage, Taku, Woosung, Amoy, Chefoo, and Gutzlaff. At Shanghai the Municipal Storm Signal Station will also use the new code. At this station and also at Woosung and Gutzlaff the special local weather signals, by means of flags, will be continued as before, but internal flags will be substituted for the Marryat's flags hitherto used.

TELEGRAMS.

[DAILY PRESS EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

NEW ZEALANDERS BEATEN.

BY "GALLANT LITTLE WALES."

LONDON, 16th December.

The New Zealand football team has met its first defeat playing against Wales. The score was three points to nothing.

FOREIGN UNDER-SECRETARY.

LONDON, 16th December.

Lord Edmund Hartshorne is the new Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

[He held the same position in 1882-85.]

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

RUSSIA.

LONDON, 14th December.

Two of the largest Russian tea firms in Moscow have failed.

The Governors of Russian Provinces where, hitherto, martial law has not been enforced, are now invested, practically, with dictatorial powers for three months.

15th December.

The Government buildings in Riga are burning and the inhabitants fleeing. The streets are barricaded. Martial law has been proclaimed, but is ineffective, owing to a lack of troops.

[POLITICAL.]

LONDON, 14th December.

The Unionist Free-Food Traders have declined an alliance with the Liberals.

FRANCE, GERMANY AND THE MOROCCO QUESTION.

LONDON, 14th December.

A French Yellow Book on the recent Morocco question bears out the idea that the position in June was critical; when France was hesitating to agree to a conference, Prince Von Buelow in speaking to the French Ambassador deprecated any delay, and urged him not to linger on the edge of a precipice, if not on that of an abyss.

MARRIAGE OF EARL COWLEY AND LADY HARTOOP.

LONDON, 15th December.

Earl Cowley and Lady Hartopp have been married by special licence in Colombo.

NEW FRENCH LINE TO THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, 15th December.

The Chargeurs Rennis Co. is arranging for a new regular steamship line from London to Yokohama, via Havre, Buenos-Aires and Valparaiso.

GREAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

LONDON, 15th December.

Prince von Buelow speaking in the Reichstag, reassembled at great length Germany's innocence of aggressive plans against Great Britain, and denied that Germany had ever been on the point of declaring war against Great Britain; the causes of the present crisis in the relations of the countries were a mystery and the stories of a violent collision between the Kaiser and King Edward illicite lies; the prince bitterly attacked the Social Democrats, whose constant representations of Germany as a disturber of the peace had contributed to British mistrust.

JAPANESE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

LONDON, 15th December.

An order in Council includes Japan among countries admissible to the advantages of mutual medical practice.

THE BAZAAR OF TOYS.

Perhaps no better appreciation of the good work undertaken by the Catholic Union could be wished for than the large measure of public patronage accorded to the annual Bazaar of Toys held last night in the compound of the Roman Catholic Cathedral. As is pretty well known, this *a fresco* bazaar is designed to raise funds for the presentation of suitable gifts to the poor children of the colony on Christmas Day and also making donations to necessitous adults at Wa-chai of articles that may be most required at this season. Enlisting in the work a large number of ladies and gentlemen as stall-holders and appealing successfully for gifts and contributions, the Union were able to organise a very pretty bazaar scene. The principal stall was devoted to toys, while other devices for tickling the public fancy and raising money were ranged round the exterior of the church. The dusky musicians of the 12th Royal Regiment added their "concourse of sweet sounds" to the scenes of "pleasing animation", in which representatives of all nationalities in the island seemed to participate. The tea stall, which was opened early in the afternoon, was a distinct success, and the people who attended in such numbers from nine to eleven o'clock were apparently delighted with the picturesque fare.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN.

[OPENING BY THE GOVERNOR.]

An interesting event took place at Kowloon on Saturday afternoon when the new bowling greens and tennis courts just completed for the Kowloon Bowling Green Club were formally opened by His Excellency the Governor. As is well known, a rearrangement of the grounds was found necessary when a ground was allotted by the Government to the Kowloon Cricket Club. They were obliged to allow the alterations to be carried out, and now the works have been finished there are two well laid bowling greens, with a tennis court at each end, while a handsome pavilion overlooks all, in which comforts and conveniences can be secured by the members.

For Saturday's ceremony the ground was duly decorated with bunting, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen attended to participate in the interesting proceedings. Among these was a contingent from the sister bowling club, the Civil Service. The band of the 2nd West Kents was present and enhanced the pleasure of the afternoon by discoursing attractive selections. The Governor, who was accompanied by the Attorney-General, Sir Harry Buckley, was met at the entrance in Austin Road by the president, Captain McIlroy, the secretary, Mr. A. R. Kinross, and Messrs. W. Ramsay and Mr. Donald, and escorted to the tent, where the members of the committee were introduced to him. Then an adjournment was made to the bowling greens.

Captain McIlroy said—Your Excellency, as President of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club it is my pleasant duty to welcome you among us to-day. The event is an auspicious one in the brief annals of our Club, this being the third occasion on which the laws of the Club have been opened, each opening being marked by notable advancement and extension.

The club first saw the light six years ago, and it is testimony to the good feeling which has prevailed in the ranks of its members that nearly all the original members who remain in the Colony are still with us. The Club has all along been entirely self-supporting and, with the generous recognition extended to us by your Excellency, by which we are one and all feel highly honoured, and for which we are truly grateful to your Excellency, the ground on which we are now assembled has within the past few years been transformed from a marshy waste to a scene of beauty. This improvement was first instituted by the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, and the Government, in the vigorous measures it has taken of late towards completing the King's Park, is doing all it can to complete a desirable memorial of the Coronation of our beloved sovereign (hear hear), which will be appreciated by the residents of Kowloon for many generations to come. The Club provides in Kowloon a quiet spot for lovers of a quiet and not over strenuous recreation and that our lady friends have not been neglected is evidenced by a small addition to our club house, reserved specially for their use, and the addition of the tennis courts, which our new ground affords us space for. Without trespassing more on valuable time, I would now ask your Excellency to be so good as to throw the jack and declare the greens open for play (applause).

His Excellency was then handed a silver jack which he threw, and followed it by a bowl amid cries of "Good shot!" Another ceremony took place at the end tennis court, when His Excellency played a set with Mrs. McIlroy, the wife of the president. On returning to the tent,

Captain McIlroy asked the Governor to accept a silver jack, suitably inscribed and mounted on a blackwood stand, as a souvenir of the occasion.

His Excellency said—I accept with deepest thanks this pretty souvenir of this pleasant occasion. It gave me particular satisfaction to accept the invitation of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club to be present this afternoon and open their new greens, because it seemed to me that the Club had behaved in a very sportsmanlike way in the manner they met the Government's wishes with regard to the Kowloon Cricket Club. We were approached some time ago by the Cricket Club for a site in the King's Park, but there was a difficulty in doing so, as the bowling greens prevented a cricket ground being made here of sufficient size to be useful. I then suggested to the Kowloon Cricket Club that they should come to an arrangement with the Cricket Club by which a good cricket ground could be made and the bowling greens preserved at the same time. The Club met our wishes in the matter, with the result that the bowling greens have been shifted and the cricket ground has been formed.

I thought their conduct was sportsmanlike (hear, hear). I hope they have not lost thereby. I don't think they have. They have now 1,700 more square feet than before and we helped them to fit it a little. They have got two excellent bowling greens and two new tennis courts. I have nothing more to say but congratulate you on your greens, which are prettily laid out and situated in a central position, in what, if not already, will be the most important part of the colony—Kowloon (applause).

I don't think the railway will disturb you much. There will be a certain amount of whistling all round. I have to go to Teipei in order to see the surveying with regard to that same railway, and I thank you again for this pretty souvenir of my visit to the greens this afternoon. And now I formally declare the greens to be opened (applause).

In the tent Mr. W. Ramsay proposed the health of the Governor, to which His Excellency replied.

Sir Harry Berkely proposed "prosperity to the Kowloon Bowling Green Club." They had heard, he said, from His Excellency how the Club had co-operated with the Government and by that co-operation secured an advantage of additional ground. The club was sure to prosper, and one advantage was that many of its members joined the Volunteer Reserve Association (applause).

The Governor then presented the prizes won during the season as follows. President's prize—1, Mr. J. Gault; 2, Mr. J. M. Henderson. Vice-president's prize—1, Mr. G. H. Edwards; 2, Mr. G. R. Haxton. Champion ship prize—1, Mr. J. P. Gault; 2, Mr. G. R. Haxton.

His Excellency afterwards made, on behalf of the Club, a presentation to Mr. Kinross, the secretary, in recognition of his valuable services in getting the new greens made.

The gift took the form of a silver kettle.

Mr. Kinross acknowledged the gift and said that he had had dues for the club he was prepared to do again. He had done his best. There had been a lot of work in forming the greens, but if the members were satisfied he was more than repaid for what he had done (applause).

Tea was dispensed by the ladies and a few rinks played on the new green, but the pleasure unfortunately was marred by the rain. However, the ceremony of the afternoon was all that could be desired, and the members were pleased at its success. The ladies were thanked for their services, on the call of Mr. Jack.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

15th December.

LINCHOW AFFAIR: A CONTEMPTIBLE WITNESS.

Wen Tsung-yao has caused a man named Lam-Hi to be arrested and brought down to Canton for trial. It appears that prisoner is a Chinese lawyer who meddles in all sorts of shady businesses and is a notorious bad character. When the Commission arrived he sent a petition to the American Consul-General in which he stated that the massacre originated through the Boycott and denounced several good people, against whom he had a grudge, as having participated in the affair. He advised the Consul-General not to sign the report of the investigation. Wen Taotai finding that the accusations were false, telegraphed the matter to Viceroy Shun who issued orders for Lam-Hi's arrest on the 7th inst.

CANTON-MACAO RAILWAY.

When the concession for this line was granted, it was agreed between the Portuguese and Chinese Governments that each side would contribute \$4,000,000 towards the capital required for the construction of the line. The Chinese director, Lam Tak-Yuen, has already in hand \$2,000,000 but the Portuguese have so far raised nothing. Lam petitioned Shen Shun Wy some months ago requesting him to urge the Portuguese Minister in Peking to move in the matter. Nothing having been done since, Sheng has now memorialized the Wei-Wu-Pu advising the concession to be cancelled. The Portuguese Director is said to have left for Portugal to try and raise the capital.

OUR FUNNY NEIGHBOURS.

On the 12th inst. while the young cadets from the torpedo-boats were going through a course of drill exercises on the parade ground a collision occurred between them and a Manchu soldier who stood on the parade ground and refused to move on. In the scuffle, that ensued the Manchu was hit on the nose which started to bleed. The warrior cried "Save life" and in a few seconds all the Manchus and Bannermen in the neighbourhood came to his assistance and drove the cadets and their instructors away from the ground after a free fight. The master has been settled by compensating the "wounded" and a guard has now been placed at the gates to prevent any spectators from trespassing on the drill grounds.

16th December.

CHAU TUNG SANG'S AFFAIRS.

Chau Kai Tsang, who was recently deported by the Sin-Hau-Kuk, to report on the value of the different properties seized, has now sent in the valuation list. Chau-Tung-Sang's private home has been valued at 100,000 taels, and Chau-Ti-Son's new and old residences respectively at 25,000 and 20,000 taels. The report includes the valuation of over a hundred houses which were owned by Chau Tung Sang, Tit Sai or Fu-Ka-Tai. The deputy is now preparing a report for the properties seized in the Pan-Yu district.

THE BOYCOTT: EXTRAORDINARY LETTER.

The Boycott Union here has informed the public that the nine representatives who were sent to Hongkong to aid the Hopkong Committee to draft a suitable reply to the American Merchants, had exceeded their powers and that the twelve clauses of their reply were not in accord with the resolutions passed at a previous meeting here. The Boycott Union here has received telegrams and letters from the unions in the different ports informing them that they did not approve of the reply and that they took no notice of what had been done without their approval. An extraordinary meeting has been called for the

HONGKONG JOTTINGS.

A "parliamentary election" in Hongkong is an disappointing affair. No flaring posters adorn the walls; no servid speeches are daily made from the hustings to catch the votes of electors; no colours are worn by the contending parties; and—well, any transient visitor from a vessel calling in at the port would scarcely suspect that we are now in the throes of an election—the election by the Justices of the Peace of an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council. The franchise is a limited one—a very limited one, seeing that the voters number only about 100 out of a population of 350,000—but Crown Colonies have to be thankful for small mercies in the way of representative government. However, though the franchise is narrowly limited, the interest in the event is more widely felt, even though the casual visitor to Hongkong may deem it obscurely manifested, and one of the Great Unprivileged inquires what special qualifications the elect of the Justices of the Peace is required or expected to possess in distinction to the qualifications of the Member for the Chamber of Commerce. I regret my inability to answer the question by a direct reference to any official paper, and have pleasure in passing the question on to the candidates, who probably know and will be glad to answer it with all the eloquence they can command. One has no difficulty in divining what are the qualifications for representing the Chamber of Commerce in the Council, but whether there was any clearly defined intention that the member representing the Justices of the Peace should especially represent any other than the commercial interests we might only learn from the unpublished dispatch by Sir George Bowen in which he recommended this electoral scheme to the Imperial authorities, about the year 1883. Presumably there was some such intention, though all Unofficial Members of the Council, having the welfare of the Colony at heart, must recognise the importance of giving their utmost support to any proposal which aims at conserving and promoting our commercial interests. Nor must we forget that the position of an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council is a trust for the community as a whole and not a vantage ground for protecting particular trade or class interests. Three excellent candidates are contesting the election. My choice would be—where are their "programmes"? Must we vote for men or for principles and policies? We know they are all honourable men, and probably the prevailing sentiment among the great body of con-electors will be *"Paham qui merit, ferat!"* The voting is by ballot, and the votes have to be counted in the presence of all the Justices who attend the meeting convened by the senior magistrate.

Whenever an election of an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council takes place, the automaton character of the Official Members always comes in for remark. They do not speak and vote as they please—or rather in the way the community would like to see them speak and vote. "The Governor pulls the strings and the figures move accordingly." That is the light in which Official Members of the Legislative Councils in all Crown Colonies are regarded. The community of Hongkong, by petition to the House of Commons on one occasion, prayed that the Official Members should be allowed to speak and vote as they pleased, and the reply came back from Lord Ripon, the Colonial Secretary of the day, in these terms:

"It is a demand which is familiar in the case of Crown Colonies, but only one answer can be given to it, viz., that the paid servants of the Government cannot be left free to oppose the Government. I should be surprised to learn that the Officials themselves wished to be given this freedom."

I can only recall one occasion on which an official had voted against the Government. That was possibly due to a mistake, though, as the member was new to the position, he may have voted conscientiously and in ignorance of what was expected of him in the way of loyalty to the Government.

Another event to which many are now beginning to look forward is the Annual Race Meeting. The griffins from Shanghai are arriving later this year than usual owing to the difficulty of obtaining suitable animals in the north, doubtless a result of the war. Fifty have been ordered from Shanghai, and 13 only have arrived, but a further batch is coming on the *Kwangsang* which is expected to arrive to-day. The first batch to arrive appears on the whole to be a very satisfactory lot. Every morning before breakfast owners and riders are to be seen on the track, and we may now regard the training season as commenced.

One of these days somebody, I hope, will be inspired to write an addendum to the "Tales of the China Coast," giving us a book of detectable yarns which might be entitled "Tales of China Skipper." One was told me the other day which might find a place in such a collection. A popular skipper who has recently returned from home relates how fascinated he was by the stories now-a-days heard in certain circles about the luxury of workhouse life in England, and thinking, maybe, that some day he might need a quiet, luxuriously comfortable and inexpensive retreat in the "old country," resolved to have a little anticipatory experience of life in a "People's Palace." Not being old and indigent, an application to the Guardians for admission to "the House" was out of the question, but the skipper, if destitute, had no difficulty in getting into the casual ward. Our skipper and a friend, having resolved to make the experiment, attired themselves in garbs suitable to the destitute character of the out-of-work British workman, presented themselves at the portals of a casual ward and were duly admitted.

One of the first comforts of the institution to which they were introduced was the bath! No doubt, the warden remarked that they were clean-looking specimens of the British tramp, but that possibly only confirmed the warden in his pre-conceived opinion that they were professional tramps, who would, in the ordinary course of things, get a bath every day, though each day in a different workhouse. After a plain, wholesome meal, with no whiskey and cigars to follow, came the order to "turn in" for the night. While the sleeping accommodation was not so comfortable as a captain's cabin on a China cruiser, the able seaman of these parts would describe it as "can do," and tired tramps might be expected to sleep as soundly as the average Chinese coolie will sleep on a stone wall. The most amusing part of the tale comes after the breakfast, full and satisfying, but not appetising to men of epicurean tastes. Every casual has to cover the expenses of his night's lodging and breakfast by performing a "task" before he is allowed to leave, and the task is usually to pick a certain quantity of oakum or break a certain quantity of stone. "Picking oakum" is the task in most casual wards, and our skipper reckoned he could do that like a shot. But in the particular ward he had selected to enter stone-breaking was the allotted task, and the job well-nigh broke the skipper's heart. His friend knew something about the stratification of stone and managed to complete his task and get quit of the establishment by eleven o'clock; but the skipper had had no experience of stone-breaking, and it took him some time to acquire the knack. It was four o'clock before the task was completed, and as the regulations allow only one meal a day to be given to a casual, the fainthearted skipper on the completion of his arduous task took his discharge with a sense of great relief and has come back to China, his hands still sore from the use of the hammer, and his mind thoroughly made up that the luxury of workhouse life in England will not appeal to him should the stress of competition ever put him on his beam ends.

The rain which fell on Friday night was very welcome, for the notices published by the Water Authority recently have warned us that the reservoirs are getting low. We have had much less rain this year than usual. For the last three years the rainfall has averaged 90 inches, but to end of November this year, only about 63 inches had fallen. Dr. Clark, the Medical Officer of Health, in his last report pointed out that the rainfall records of the last twenty years indicate a progressive change in our climatic conditions. From 1885 to the end of 1891 the average yearly rainfall was 95.19 inches; in the succeeding ten years the average was only 74.34 inches. These figures have an important bearing on the water storage accommodation question.

This day week is Christmas Day when Christendom and his wife does the bidding of the poet who says:

"At Christmas play, and make good cheer. For Christmas comes but once a year."

Never have I seen the shops of Hongkong so prettily decorated with all that goes to make good cheer, especially for the younger members of the community, who must now be dreaming nightly of the coming of Santa Claus. And we are actually to have a Christmas Pantomime. The Zorilla Comedy Company, who are now returning here from Shanghai, announce that they will re-open to-morrow in St. George's Hall with "Sindbad the Sailor." I would like to suggest to the management the advisability of arranging for a Matinee performance, or numbers of children would miss what to them would be a treat to be long-remembered.

BANYAN.

CHINA TRADERS INSURANCE CO.

The 39th ordinary meeting of the shareholders of the China Traders Insurance Company, Ltd., was held at the Company's Office Queen's Buildings on Saturday at noon. Mr. A. Haupt, chairman of directors, presided and there were also present Messrs. E. Goetz, A. R. Linton, C. R. Lenzman (directors), W. Parlane, Ho Foo, G. Orange, G. D. Champoux, J. R. Michael, F. P. Hott, O. A. De Cruz, with the secretary, Mr. James Whittall.

The Secretary having read the notice calling the meeting,

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen—Before submitting my remarks on the business specially before the meeting, I desire to refer to the death, since we last met, of a very old and valued servant of this company—our late secretary, Mr. W. H. Ray—whose decease occurred on the 2nd August last. Mr. Ray lived but only a short span after his enforced retirement, and I am sure that you will desire to join with your directors in again formally expressing our deep sense of the loss of one who served us so well and so faithfully for so many years.

The report and statement of accounts which we to-day present for your adoption—and which, with your permission, I will take as read—do not, I am sorry to say, realise our hopes of a year ago, but our chairman on a recent occasion of our meeting together, foreshadowed this, and you will, therefore, have been somewhat prepared for this expression of disappointment. As then intimated, however, the results of the past year's working are primarily due to the quite exceptional experiences caused by the Russo-Japanese war, now happily at an end, and through which we, in common with most other marine insurance companies, have temporarily suffered. It is true that the abnormal increases in both our premium income and loss settlements are due to the acceptance of war risks, and it might be

inferred, therefore, that that particular class of business had not dealt kindly with us. In the sense that it has not been very satisfactory, that is so, but I am glad to be able to say that if we succeed in recovering the substantial refunds in respect of payments made, which we hope to recover on such risks as the *Knight Commander*, *Hipsang*, *St. Kilda*, and various others, our ventures in this particular direction will not, so far as the year's operations under review are concerned, result in any material loss, and it is even quite possible that our war risk business, covering the whole period of the war, may yet result in a profit. It is more to our general and ordinary business that we must look for the falling off, for whilst on the one hand the disorganisation of trade owing to the war is accountable for a substantial decrease in our normal takings, I am sorry to say a corresponding decrease in our normal claim settlement is not apparent. In all the circumstances I think we may congratulate ourselves that we are able to maintain our dividend and bonus on last year's basis—as your Directors think we quite safely can do—to know that although the amount left to be carried to suspense appears small, yet with that addition we still have a suspense fund more than ample to meet our known outstanding liabilities; and that if we are only moderately fortunate in our ultimate recoveries in respect of war risks, the former position of our liquid reserves is likely to be completely reinstated. The accounts themselves are otherwise, I think, self-explanatory. Messrs. Palmer & Turner have as usual reported on the properties under mortgage to the company, and their valuations show ample margins of security. I take this opportunity of referring to a matter in which you will naturally be interested. In response to our circular of the 10th October last, the votes of our shareholders on the recent offer made to them by the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., have, as returned, proved sufficiently satisfactory to the Society for them to claim fulfilment of the undertaking entered into by our assenting shareholders, and, subject only to their shareholders now giving their sanction to the necessary increase of capital, the arrangement will be duly completed. In the mean time it has been agreed between us on approximate estimates made, that the ratio for the exchange of shares on the intrinsic values of the shares of the respective companies to be taken at the 31st December next, shall be fixed at the "convenient round figure" of ten of the Company's shares for one of the Society's shares. No provision has been made for the Society to receive back any balance in cash in the event of the approximate estimates proving to have been too much in favour of the China Traders' shareholders, and it was necessary, therefore, that there should be left a margin of safety in favour of the Society. In addition, however, to the exchange of scrip, certificates will be issued by the Society to the Company's assenting shareholders, entitling them or their assignees to any cash balance that may eventually be ascertained to be due to them, together with simple interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum. These certificates, which it is intended to make transferable by endorsement in order to make them readily salable, are to be redeemable as soon as practicable after the 31st December, 1908, by which time it is conceded that the accounts of the respective companies as to the 31st December next will have run off, or if not, any outstanding liabilities can without difficulty be estimated. For the purpose of ascertaining the final intrinsic value, it has also been agreed that the total net assets of the respective companies as at the 31st December next shall be valued at the rates of exchange of that date, and that all subsequent payments made, and recoveries received, in respect of 1905 and previous years, shall be reckoned at current rates of exchange. The balance as thus estimated is in each case to be considered the final intrinsic value. We understand that it is the intention of the Society to repeat its former offer, not only to those of our shareholders who have so far not replied, but also to those who have declined. A further agreement has been previously entered into and will, in due course, be ratified, in respect of a working arrangement between the two companies, which we hope and believe will prove to be beneficial to the shareholders, and also to the constituents of both companies. I think I have now dealt with all points calling for comment, but before formally moving the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be glad to give, so far as I can, any further information that may be desired.

The CHAIRMAN—There being no questions asked, I beg to propose that the report and statement of accounts as presented be adopted.

Mr. ORANGE seconded, and the motion was carried *en cons.*

On the proposition of Mr. PARLANE, seconded by Mr. HO FOO, the appointment of Messrs. A. R. Linton and C. R. Lenzman as directors was confirmed.

Messrs. Lenzman and Haupt, the retiring directors, were re-elected on the motion of Mr. CHAMPEAU, seconded by Mr. MICHAEL.

Mr. HETT proposed, and Mr. PARLANE seconded, the re-election of Messrs. T. Arnold and H. U. Jeffries as auditors. This was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN—Gentlemen, that is all the business. I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday morning on application.

Eight thousand pounds weight of steel, containing the bodies of two workmen, is to be buried with funeral service at Midvale, Pennsylvania. The men were engaged in a crucible pit when the steel, in a molten state, fell upon them and converted them into ashes. Not a trace of the men could be found.

V.R.C. REGATTA.

It was unfortunate that the day appointed for the holding of the V.R.C. regatta should have broken so unpromising. This popular event has always been looked forward to by the sports-loving public of Hongkong, and although the ominous clouds which screened the sky on Saturday, no doubt, had the effect of keeping many at home, still there was a fairly large attendance. The events were all keenly contested, and through the efforts of an energetic committee, were kept well up to time: perhaps the most interesting of these was the International Challenge Cup, for the honour of retaining which for one year, English and German teams competed. The Germans have now held this cup for three years, and their victory on Saturday entitles them to hold it for still another year. Notwithstanding the advantage they had, however, in a newer and more up-to-date boat, they were pressed hard throughout the race. It was in the final sprint that they had the advantage, and they shot past the judge's lunch with a length and a half to spare. The flagship was the *ss. Lucia Vittoria*, which had been kindly lent by Messrs. Musso and Co. She was moored east of Stonecutters' Island, and the course was from a starting line north of the vessel. The band of H.M.S. *Dido* rendered a number of excellent musical selections during the afternoon. The officials were as under:

President: His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathaniel, K.C.M.G.; Vice-President: His Excellency Major-General Villiers Hatton, C.B.; Committee: Mr. Arthur Chapman, Chairman; Messrs. W. Armstrong, W. A. Crake, G. A. Caldwell, C. H. Grimes, E. M. Hazlewood, T. C. Gray, T. Meek, E. W. Mitchell, A. Rodger; Judges: Messrs. A. Rodger and E. W. Mitchell; Starter: Mr. W. H. Potts; Umpires: Mr. C. H. Grace, Mr. H. P. White, and Hon. Mr. Gresham Stewart; Time-keeper: Mr. T. Meek; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. S. A. Seth; Hon. Sec.: Mr. Frank Lamont.

The following were the results:

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1905. [2854]

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1905. [2855]

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J. T. HAMILTON,

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Hongkong, 15th November, 1905. [2573]

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W.M. PARLANE, Manager,
Hongkong, 18th November, 1901. [55]

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LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

H. E. C. C. v. NAVAL TEAM.
This match was played on the Hongkong Club Ground on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the Club by one wicket and 107 runs. The scores are as under:

1st innings 2nd innings

Rev. Hastings, b Morrell, c Turner, b Mackay 22

Midshipman Combe, b Bird 0 not out 1

Midshipman Ling, b Morrell 0

R. H. Popper, b Hutchings 3

Lieut. Hutchings, b Bird 24

Lieut. Lovin, b Morrell 8 not out 1

Paymaster Woodward, b Morrell 16 c Daniel, b Mackay 24

Eng. Lieut. Hastings, c Morrell, b Bird 0

Rev. Waters, st Ponsonby, b Bird 0

Mr. Wood, b Morrell 0

Midshipman Knox Little, run out 1

Eng. Lieut. Westbrook, not out 5 Extras 1

Extras 15

Total 49 Total 49

T. Sercombe Smith, c Combe, b Lewin 31

C. H. Mackay, run out 5

W. C. D. Turner, b Hutchings 19

W. Daniel, b Hutchings 3

E. O. Bird, c Combe, b Hastings 15

A. Macken, b Woodward 16

R. H. Popper, not out 30

G. H. Morrell, c Hastings, b Lewin 26

N. H. Rutherford, c Ling, b Lewin 13

W. Ross, did not bat 9

Extras 13

Total 171

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

H.K.C.C.

1st innings O. M. R. W. O. M. R. W.

Morrell 8.5 1 23 6

T. S. Smith 3 1 17 1

J. W. P. Turner 4 20 2

A. NAVAL TEAM.

O. M. R. W. O. M. R. W.

Hutchings 13 3 63 2

Lovin 15 1 59 3

Rev. Hastings 6 1 15 1

Woodward 5 1 19 2

H. E. C. C. "A" v. R. G. A.

This match ended in a win for the Artillery by four wickets and 51 runs. Scores:

H.K.C.C.

1st innings O. M. R. W. O. M. R. W.

E. O. Bird 9

P. Fletcher, b Longbottom 6

D. H. Lewis, b Longbottom 1

C. H. Fallon, c Clarke, b Kerrick 7

C. B. Pigott, b Snow 22

G. Hooper, c Connell, b Longbottom 2

F. H. Kew, absent 0

O. E. Oliffe, b Snow 6

C. C. Scott, not out 6

C. T. Costigan, b Kerrick 0

A. S. Collier, b Kerrick 0

Extras 1

Total 50

R.G.A.

Br. Oliver, b Scott 0

Lt. Lucy, b Fowler 48

Ho. Hope, b Fowler 0

Lieut. H. H. Tripp, b Fowler 12

Sgt. Edward, c Jack, b Daniel 12

Sgt. Longbottom, c Jack, b Daniel 12

Dr. Kerrick, c and b Daniel 12

Q. M. S. Clarke 0

Br. Snow 0

Gr. O'Connell, not out 4

Gr. Crump 17

Extras 15

Total 106

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

H.K.C.C.

O. M. R. W. O. M. R. W.

Longbottom 7 3 17 3

Crump 4 1 11 1

Kerrick 0 1 15 3

Snow 3 1 7 2

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O. M. R. W. O. M. R. W.

Fowler 39 1

Scott 21 1

Daniel 31 3

Extras 0

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Fairholme, c Woodnote, b Bradford 0

E. Bass, c Webb, b Steele 7

L. A. Rose, c Steele, b Harvey 10

L. E. Lamerton, b Bradford 11

J. D. Kielbin, c Doran, b Harvey 4

R. B. Cooper, b Webb, b Bradford 1

R. Pentoni, c Steele, b Harvey 0

E. S. Ford, not out 8

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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ANTEON"	On 16th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OOPACK"	On 23rd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"NINGCHOW"	On 24th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ACHIELES"	On 30th January.
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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ALCINUS"	On 13th February.

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AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"IDOMENEUS"	On 16th January.
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AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"STENTOR"	On 30th January.
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GNEISENAU WEDNESDAY 11th January

HOON WEDNESDAY 1st January

PREUSSEN WEDNESDAY 14th February

Zieten WEDNESDAY 28th February

PRINZESS ALICE WEDNESDAY 14th March

BAYERN WEDNESDAY 29th March

PRINZ REGENT LUFTPOLD WEDNESDAY 11th April

PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH WEDNESDAY 25th April

Sachsen WEDNESDAY 3rd May

PRINZ HEINRICH WEDNESDAY 26th May

ROON WEDNESDAY 6th June

PREUSSEN WEDNESDAY 29th June

Zieten WEDNESDAY 4th July

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

Christmas Cards (if prepaid at Printed Matter rates) must be posted either in an unfastened envelope or in a cover which can be easily removed for the purpose of examination without breaking any seal or tearing any paper or separating any adhering surfaces. Covers may be secured with string.

Cards in closed envelopes with notched ends or corners cut will be taxed as letters.

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.

Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day have been declared public holidays. On Christmas Day the Post Office will be open from 8.00 a.m. until 9.00 a.m. There will be one delivery and one collection as on Sundays. In the event of the French Mail arriving from Europe, the Post Office will open for one hour after the mail is sorted.

On Boxing Day the Post Office will remain open until the French Mail for Europe is despatched at Noon.

On New Year's Day the Post Office will be closed except from 8.00 a.m. till 9.00 a.m. There will be one delivery of letters and one collection as on Sundays.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

The German mail, with the German mail of the 21st November left Singapore on Friday the 13th inst., at 1 p.m. and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 19th inst., at 6 p.m.

Mails for CANTON, SAMSHU, and WUCHOW are closed on week-days at 7.30 a.m.

On Sunday the mail for Macao is closed at 8 a.m.

Mails for NANTAO, SANBU, KONGMOK, KUMCHUK, *SAMSHU, *WUCHOW and CANTON are closed every weekday, at 5 p.m. On Sundays the mails are closed at 9 a.m.

*No mails are despatched to these places on Saturday evenings, unless previously notified.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Chingkiang		Monday, 18th, 1.00 P.M.
Macao		Monday, 18th, 1.15 P.M.
Haungshan		Monday, 18th, 4.00 P.M.
Brigavia		Tuesday, 19th, 11.00 A.M.
Prins Waldemar		Tuesday, 19th, 11.00 A.M.
Minnesota		Tuesday, 19th, 11.00 A.M.
Aragonie		Tuesday, 19th, 11.00 A.M.
Haungshan		Tuesday, 19th, 1.15 P.M.
Gregory Apcar		Tuesday, 19th, 2.00 P.M.
Krausse		Tuesday, 19th, 3.00 P.M.
Teau		Tuesday, 19th, 3.00 P.M.
		Wednesday, 20th,
		Printed Matter and Samples..... 10.00 A.M.
		Registration..... 10.00 A.M.
		(Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
		Registration, Kowloon E.O. 10.00 A.M.
		No late fee.
		Letters..... 11.00 A.M.
		Wednesday, 20th, 1.15 P.M.
		Wednesday, 20th, 2.00 P.M.
		Wednesday, 20th, 3.00 P.M.
		Scalda..... 24th—Monmouthshire, Ocean.
		Tijuanus..... 24th—Hermiston.
		Hentshan..... 25th—Alesia, Indramayu, Baneray, Geisenan, Rauchow, Sydney, Japan, Dec. 1st—Lothian Castle, Pak Ling, Polynesia, Pyrrhus, Borussia, Rasdara, Dac, 5th—Aston, Matoppa, Sth—Patricius, Chingua, Kueicou, Ehenanta, Pera, St. Bedo, 12th—Austria, Suntra, Riverdale, Liangzhou, Roon, Liberia, 15th—Antenor, Bandung, Erroll, Macao, Sachen, Socorro, Glenart, Spezia, Sengambia.
		The Bucknall Line str. <i>Bechuan</i> left Singapore on the 14th Dec., and is due here on the 20th Dec.
		The str. <i>Salsoma</i> sailed from New York on the 5th June.
		The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s str. <i>Lyon</i> arrived at Yokohama on the 2nd inst.
		The Boston Co.'s str. <i>Shawmut</i> sailed from Seattle on the 8th Dec. for Hongkong via the usual ports.
		The C.N. str. <i>Taiwan</i> , from Australian ports, left Sydney on the 11th Dec., and is due here on the 18th Jan.
		The C.P.E. str. <i>Athenian</i> left Vancouver on Monday, the 11th Dec., p.m. for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.
		TO-DAY.
		Sale, Papers, Sales Room, Mr. Geo. P. Lam-mert, 11 a.m.
		TO-MORROW.
		Sale, Stores, H.M. Naval Yard, Messrs. Hughes & Lough, 10 a.m.
		The Zorrilla Musical Comedy Co., City Hall, 9 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS:

ON LONDON	16th December.
Telegraphic Transfer	20/4
Bank Bills, on demand	2/4
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	2/4
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2/4
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2/4
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	1/4
ON PARIS	
Bank Bills, on demand	2584
Credits, at 4 months' sight	263
ON GERMANY	
On demand	210
ON NEW YORK	
Bank Bills, on demand	504
Credits, 60 days' sight	51
ON BOMBAY	
Telegraphic Transfer	1533
Bank, on demand	1533
ON CALCUTTA	
Telegraphic Transfer	1533
Bank, on demand	1533
ON SHANGHAI	
Bank at sight	71½
Private, 30 days' sight	72½
ON YOKOHAMA	
On demand	100
ON MANILA	
On demand	101
ON SINGAPORE	
On demand	61 p.c.p.m.
ON BATAVIA	
On demand	123
ON HAIPHONG	
On demand	14 p.c.p.m.
ON SAIGON	
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Bearas Old	\$940 to —

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Heinrich* left Shanghai on Saturday at 11 a.m., and may be expected here this evening at 5 p.m.

The I.G.M. str. *Greisbau* left Singapore on Friday at 1 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow at 6 p.m.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. str. *Mongolia* sailed from Yokohama on the 8th Dec., and is due here on the 19th Dec.

The P.M. str. *China* will leave Yokohama for Hongkong via Manila on the 15th Dec., and is due here on the 27th Dec.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.N.R. str. *Empress of China* arrived at Nagasaki at 8 a.m. on Thursday, the 14th Dec., and left again at 3 p.m. same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 2 a.m. to-day.

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The C.N.R. str. *China* from Australian ports, left Port Darwin on the 8th Dec., and is due here to-day at daylight.

The J.C.J. str. *Tigris* left Macassar for this port on the 10th Dec., and may be ex-pected here on the 18th Dec.

The str. *C. Apur*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 13th Dec. at noon, and is due here to-day.

The str. *Rabi* left Manila on Saturday, the 16th Dec. at 11 a.m., and is due here to-day at 4 p.m.

The A.L. str. *China* left Singapore for this port on the 12th Dec. p.m., and is due here to-morrow.

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